

Memorandum

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION FOR STIP
PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-03-19
WAIVER-04-01**

ISSUE

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling \$18,385,000 for a four lane expressway project near the town of Hopland in Mendocino County. The Department of Transportation (Department) awarded the contract on July 17, 2001, but does not anticipate completing the project by the completion deadline.

The Department requests a two-month time extension for project completion from July 17, 2004 to September 17, 2004. The extension is needed to finish the final paving that was delayed by winter storms and finalize administrative work required for the Contract Completion Acceptance (CCA) milestone.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends approval of the extension request.

SUMMARY

Construction began on August 10, 2001. Roadway excavation, the first stage of paving and all recommended slope repairs were completed by late November 2002. The project was suspended for winter on December 13, 2002 with work expected to resume in April 2003. The project was on schedule as of December 2002.

Storms during the winter of 2002 closed Highway 101 and triggered a major slide within the project limits. An emergency detour was constructed to bypass the slide. Former Governor Davis subsequently declared a State of Emergency on February 21, 2003. As a result of record-breaking amount of rainfall in the month of April 2003, the slide expanded and cracks developed on the adjacent property east of the highway.

Preliminary geotechnical recommendations and structural design concepts were submitted the week of July 21, 2003. A \$3,000,000 Ground Anchor Wall System was selected as the only feasible slide repair option. The wall and slide repair was completed in May 2004 as a State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) emergency damage restoration project.

Detour removal, pavement repair and final paving are expected to be completed by mid-July 2004 and the project will essentially be completed from the perception of the traveling public. The resulting delay in final paving will require an additional two months to finalize administrative work required for the Contract Completion Acceptance (CCA) milestone.

BACKGROUND

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that after a contract is awarded, the implementing agency has up to 36 months to complete the contract. The Guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.